

Klan Ex-Leader Charged in Plot Against Evers

FAYETTE, Miss. (AP)—
A city official here said today that charges of attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder have been filed against former Klan leader Dale Walton, one of three men arrested in connection with an alleged plot to kill Negro Mayor Charles Evers.

Walton, 44, was arrested near Evers' office Tuesday night on charges of speeding and carrying concealed weapons. He was held in county jail without bond.

City Atty. Martha Wood said before Walton's scheduled court appearance today that conspiracy and attempted murder charges also were filed and bonds totaling \$11,044 were set on the four charges.

MISS WOOD said the purpose of the hearing is to determine whether there is enough evidence to turn over to a grand jury.

Evers, because of his position in the case, said he would not preside at the hearing today in Mayor's Court for Walton, the operator of a general merchandise and sporting goods store at Tupelo.

From his jail cell in Fayette this morning, Walton told a reporter: "On the advice of counsel and in the light of re-

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cent court rulings I decline any other statement other than the simple truth of the matter that I am not guilty of any of these charges."

POLICE Chief Robert Vander-son said two shotguns, two rifles and a pistol were found in Walton's car.

Bobby Haywood, 18, of Tupelo was arrested a few hours later at Natchez, southwest of here, in a motel room registered to Walton. Officers said he had a .45-caliber submachine gun.

ATF agents said the subma-
chine gun was traced to Pat
Massengale, 50, of Hattiesburg.
He was arrested in Hattiesburg,
charged with illegally transfer-
ring the weapon to Haywood and
released on a \$1,000 personal
recognizance bond.